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dated 12th July 1935, passing orders for utilization of this grant has already been placed on the table [a] of the Legislative Council.

Schemes that were ready for execution and were urgent were selected for utilization of the allotment from the Government of India grant.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI :—" May I know, Sir, which are the districts which are proposed to be given funds for this purpose? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" There is no such proposal before the Government."

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" May I know, whether Government have any idea of making grants to municipalities like Madura and Kumbakonam for anti-malarial operations? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" Not as far as I can recollect."

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" May I know if Government do not consider it necessary in the interests of public health that such schemes should be thought of by Government? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" Many necessary schemes are put off for want of funds."

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Out of the amount allotted by the Government of India, our Government have set apart Rs. 50,000 for anti-malarial work. Could not Government grant another Rupees 50,000 for this purpose and thus help the people of the two towns? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" This Rs. 50,000 is a grant from the Government of India and not from out of the provincial revenues."

TRUTH ALONE TRIUMPHS

Agriculture

Measures taken for the promotion of fruit cultivation in the presidency.

* 374 *Q.*—Mr. K. KOTI REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total acreage in this Presidency of fruit cultivation;

(*b*) what steps the Government have taken to help the fruit industry;

(*c*) what is the amount spent on fruit farm stations on the hills and on the plains during the last four years;

(*d*) the acreage of fruit cultivation on the hills and on the plains; and

(*e*) whether any steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken for providing reliable fruit plants to gardeners?

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[a] Printed as Appendix II-A on pages 422–423 infra.

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A.—(*a*) Separate figures are not available for the area under fruit cultivation, except for mangoes and plantains. The figures available of the total acreage under fruits include also the area under vegetable and root crops. Area under fruits in 1933–34—

	ACS.
Fruits including vegetables and root crop ...	748,299
Mangoes	271,212
Plantains	153,059

(*b*) Work on hill fruits is being done at the stations on the hills. The main fruits that are being propagated and distributed are the mangosteen, mango, guava, orange, custard apple, pineapple, papaya, avocado, sapodilla. In the plains, the department supplies the ryots with plantain and pineapple suckers, mango-grafts, seedlings and plants of various fruit trees, such as the sapota, orange and grape-vine. The department is also giving advice to ryots in regard to the raising of orchards and is helping them to get good varieties of plants.

Recently a fruit station has been opened at Anantarajupeta in the Cuddapah district, the main work of which will be classification and identification, the propagation of varieties, trials of different species and the selection of types. Experiments are also being conducted at the Agricultural Research Station, Anakapalle, in the storage of mango-pulp to see if there are possibilities of developing this into a cottage industry.

(*c*) The amount spent on the three fruit stations on the hills for the last four years is given below:—

	RS.
1931–32	40,549
1932–33	30,113
1933–34	31,172
1934–35	30,873

As regards the plains, the fruit station was started only last year and a sum of Rs. 13,000 was spent towards the purchase of land.

(*d*) No separate figures are available.

(*e*) The action taken is indicated in the answer to clause (*b*) above. Some of the applicants probably include gardeners, especially in the hills. When work on the new station on the plains develops, it will no doubt be useful to gardeners as well.

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—" With reference to the answer to clause (*a*), may I know whether the figures also include acreage under mangoes? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" I do not think it includes."

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Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—" May I know from the Hon. the Minister whether the fruit station at Anantarajupeta is confined to the cultivation of oranges alone or all kinds of fruits? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" Oranges and fruits belonging to that variety for the time being."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—" May I take it that the purpose of the Government is to concentrate their attention on oranges alone at Anantarajupetah area and is it because that that area is quite suitable for the purpose? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" I suppose mainly that."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—" May I know whether the Agricultural Department publish pamphlets with regard to the results achieved by them as a result of the experiments carried on during the last four years, especially when they are spending on an average of over Rs. 30,000 per year? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" I cannot say off-hand whether they have published any pamphlets."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister will be pleased to make enquiries? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I know what measures are being taken by Government for propagating the results of their experiment and making them known to the agriculturists and the ryots? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" So far as the hill station is concerned, demonstrators make the necessary propaganda."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—" May I know whether they are yet in the stage of experimenting or have they come to the stage of demonstration? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" I think it is still in the stage of experiments."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—" Then, how is it that the demonstrators do propaganda when it is yet in an experimental stage? "

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" They do propaganda on the results of the experiments achieved so far."

Application for the exemption of certain villages in Pollachi taluk from the operation of the Cotton Pest Act.

* 375 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any petition was recently received to continue the exemption granted under the Cotton Pest Act to the villages of Anamalai, Vettakaranpudur, Kottur-Malayandipatnam, Kalipuram and Udayakuiam of Pollachi taluk;